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### NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE AND BODYWORK THERAPY PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES April 23, 2014

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A regular meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy was held at 124 Halsey Street Newark, New Jersey, in the Sussex Conference Room, 6th Floor, on Wednesday April 23, 2014. The meeting was convened in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. **Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian, Chairperson of the Board** called the meeting to order at 9:40 A.M. and a roll call was taken and the following attendance was recorded:

MARK J. CARANGELO	Present
DEBORAH OVERHOLT	Via Tele-Conference
CYNTHIA SINICROPI-PHILIBOSIAN	Present
DEBORAH ZASTOCKI	Excused
CHRISTINE GILL ROSE	Excused

Also present were: Susan Carboni, Deputy Attorney General; Laura L. Anderson, Executive Director; Gerard Tobia, Administrative Staff.

#### **OPENING STATEMENT "Reading of the Sunshine Law"** **A QUORUM WAS DECLARED PRESENT:**

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing on September 27, 2013. A schedule of all 2014 Regular Open Meetings of the Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy to be held during 2014 was provided to the Office of the Secretary of State, Star Ledger, Trenton-Times, The New York Times, Camden Courier Post, The Press of Atlantic City and The Philadelphia Inquirer. The schedule has also been posted on the bulletin at the New Jersey State Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy Office.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Laurie Keith and Andrea DeGrace addressed the Board with issues regarding licensure and agenda and minutes publication on the website

#### **I. APPROVAL OF THE PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

A. March 26, 2014

**A motion was made by Mark Carangelo and seconded by Deborah Overholt, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the March 26, 2014 Board Meeting as presented. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**II. LEGISLATION**  
**Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst**

**Bills**

**1) Assembly Bill**

**A-2460**

This bill waives certain professional and occupational licensing fees for veterans and spouses of veterans.

**A motion was made by Mark Carangelo and seconded by Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian, to advise the Division of Consumer Affairs legislative liaison that the Board supports this bill provided its amended to reflect initial licensure only.**

**A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**2) Senate Bill**

**S-1608**

This bill revises licensing requirements and procedures under the "Massage and Bodywork Therapist Licensing Act."

Additionally, this bill provides that, to be eligible for licensure as a Massage and Bodywork Therapist, an applicant must complete a minimum of 500 hours in class study in the field of massage and bodywork therapies and complete a written examination.

**A motion was made by Mark Carangelo and seconded by Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian, to advise the Division of Consumer Affairs legislative liaison that the Board supports this bill provided its amended to read: (see 13F , 2<sup>nd</sup> page of the bill) " Any person from practicing techniques that involve resting hands on the surface of the client's body to affect energy fields of the body, without delivering pressure, touching the client's skin, manipulating soft tissue, while the client is fully clothed".**

**The Board could not come to a vote with regards to part two of this bill. Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian and Deborah Overholt support this bill. Mark Carangelo opposes this bill.**

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Letter from Jeanne Ketrick (Applicant ID# 1697052)  
RE: Application for Licensure (Current Practitioner)

Ms. Ketrick wrote the Board to inquire about the status of her licensure application. She is applying as a Current Practitioner and is a 1995 graduate of the Owens Institute of Massage and Wholistic Sciences in Delaware when she completed a 500 hour course in Swedish Massage. She indicates that the Owens Institute no longer exists and her only connection with the school is through one of her instructors. She explains he was kind enough to write a letter attesting to the fact that she did graduate.

**A motion was made by Mark Carangelo and seconded by Deborah Overholt, the Board voted to grant licensure to Ms. Ketrick provided all licensure requirements have been met;**

**along with proof of current CPR certification and proof Ms. Ketrick completed a Law and Ethics course. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

- B. Letter from Ronald Drummond, Sr. (License No. 18KT00625800)  
RE: Request for a Waiver of Continuing Education Requirement)

Mr. Drummond, Sr. wrote the Board to request for a waiver of the continuing education requirement for the current period ending November 30, 2014. He attached a letter from one of his treating physicians. Mr. Drummond has been diagnosed with head and neck cancer on 11/21/2013 and has been under the care of physicians since then for his medical treatment.

**A motion was made by Mark Carangelo and seconded by Deborah Overholt, the Board determined to write Mr. Drummond to wish him well and advise him that due to his special situation, the Board will grant a waiver of the continuing education requirement for the current period ending November 30, 2014. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

- C. Letter from Victoria Thompson, Qualifications Department  
National Certification Medical Association (NCMA)  
RE: Resource for State Boards

Ms. Thompson wrote the Board to introduce herself and the agency she represents. She is with the qualifications department for the National Certification Medical Association (NCMA), a certifying agency and academic professional membership association. Ms. Thompson would like to provide the New Jersey State Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy with all the needed documents to introduce our agency and present our credentials in order to seek recognition as a certifying organization for massage therapists in the State of New Jersey.

**The Board decided to advise Ms. Thompson in writing to provide the Board with all the written material for Board's review and possibly to schedule a meeting presentation after the review is completed.**

**A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

- D. Letter from Holly Lange (License No. 18KT00203500)  
RE: Request to take CEUs from a Home Study Course

Ms. Lange wrote the Board to request permission to take CEUs from a home study course. She indicated that these CEUs would be applied to her November 30, 2014 license renewal. Ms. Lange states the reason for the request is that she is pregnant and due June 3, 2014. She states that the baby has Fibular Hemimelia of the right leg and will require many surgeries.

**A motion was made by Mark Carangelo and seconded by Deborah Overholt, the Board voted to advise Ms. Lange in writing to provide the Board with a Doctor's letter regarding her medical conditions in order to make a fair decision. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

- E. Letter from Consuelo Evans, Director of Operations (NCMA)  
National Certification Medical Association  
RE: Continuing Medical Education

Mr. Evans wrote the Board to introduce himself and the agency he represents. He is the Director of Operations for the National Certification Medical Association (NCMA), a certifying agency and academic professional membership association. Mr. Evans would like to request a meeting with the New Jersey State Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy to introduce his agency and present their credentials in order to seek recognition as a certifying organization for massage therapists in the State of New Jersey.

**The Board determined that Mr. Evans in writing to provide the Board with all the needed documents to introduce their agency and present their credentials in order to seek recognition as a certifying organization for massage therapists in the State of New Jersey.**

#### **IV. FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

1. Lin Wang; Applicant ID# 1760891; Provisional Order of Denial of Licensure Filed March 26, 2014

**The Board reviewed this material and considered it as informational.**

#### **V. FINAL ORDER OF DENIAL OF LICENSURE**

1. Guiqin Yan; Applicant ID# 1749718; Final Order of Denial of Licensure filed March 26, 2014
2. Enji Piao; Applicant ID# 1661854; Final Order of Denial of Licensure filed March 26, 2014
3. Jian Hua Li; Applicant ID# 1723903; Final Order of Denial of Licensure filed March 26, 2014

**The Board reviewed this material and considered it as informational.**

#### **VI. CONSENT ORDER**

1. Carlos D. Yupangui; Applicant ID# 1761929; Consent Order Granting Licensure filed on March 26, 2014

**The Board reviewed this material and considered it as informational.**

**At 11:40 A.M. , the Board, upon a motion made by Mark Carangelo and seconded by Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian, voted to move into Executive Session to consider and review consumer complaints, investigative reports and other information received pursuant to the Boards' regulations. The result of these deliberations will be made known when and if the Board determines to initiate disciplinary or other enforcement action. If the Board determines to issue any sanction, action will be taken in public session immediately after the Executive Session. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**The Board returned to Public Session and a motion was made by Mark Carangelo and seconded by Deborah Overholt, to adjourn the meeting at 2:50 P.M.  
A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Anderson,  
Executive Director